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**INTERCONNECTED VOIP NUMBERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION FILED BY
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC PURSUANT TO SECTION 52.15(g)(3) OF THE
COMMISSION'S RULES**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 22-445¹

Comments Due: May 23, 2023

First Communications, LLC (First Communications), an interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider, filed a Numbering Authorization Application (Application) pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrator.² In its Application, First Communications indicates that it intends to initially request numbers in Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio.³

In its Application, First Communications includes the contact information and acknowledgements required by section 52.15(g)(3)(i) of the Commission's rules.⁴ First Communications provides evidence that it will be capable of providing service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date.⁵ First Communications also certifies that it complies with the contribution, regulatory fee, and 911 obligations set forth in section 52.15(g)(3)(i)(E).⁶ In addition, First Communications certifies that it has the financial, managerial, and technical expertise to provide reliable service.⁷ First Communications further certifies that none of its key management and technical personnel are being or have been investigated by the Commission, or any law enforcement or regulatory agency, for failure to comply with

¹ We assign WC Docket No. 22-445 for this Application and all related filings by the Applicant and interested parties. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Commencement Date and Process for Interconnected VoIP Providers to File Applications for Authorization to Obtain Telephone Numbers*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 949, 950 (WCB 2016).

² See Application of First Communications for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 22-445 (filed Dec. 12, 2022), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1212968411961/1>; see also 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3).

³ Application at 2. See also *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al.*, Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 6839, 6850, para. 24 & n.74 (2015) (*VoIP Direct Access to Numbers Order*).

⁴ Application at 1-2, 4; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(A)-(C), (F).

⁵ Application at 3; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(D).

⁶ Application at 3; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(E); see also 47 CFR §§ 1.1154, 52.17, 52.32, 64.604(c)(5)(iii); 47 CFR pts. 9 and 54, subpt. H.

⁷ Application at 4; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(F).

any law, rule, or order.⁸ Finally, First Communications certifies that no party to the Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.⁹

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Application identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined Application. The Commission reserves the right to return any Application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3)(ii) of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments in WC Docket No. 22-445 **on or before May 23, 2023**.¹⁰ Commenters must serve a copy of comments on First Communications no later than the above comment filing date.

Parties to this proceeding should file any documents using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) DAA@fcc.gov;
- 2) Margoux Newman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Margoux.Newman@fcc.gov;
- 3) Michelle Sclater, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Michelle.Sclater@fcc.gov.

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The proceeding in this Notice shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 CFR § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

⁸ Application at 4; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(F).

⁹ Application at 4; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(G); *see also* 21 U.S.C. § 862.

¹⁰ 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii).

To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the application in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in their initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies.¹¹ A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

Please contact DAA@fcc.gov, Margoux Newman at Margoux.Newman@fcc.gov, Michelle Sclater at Michelle.Sclater@fcc.gov for further information.

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¹¹ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).